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In re Application of:

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For: FLUID INJECTABLE SINGLE OPERATOR EXCHANGE CATHETERS AND
METHODS OF USE

Docket No.: 1001.1375101

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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By [Signature]
David M. Crompton

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2002, please consider the following response:

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated March 20, 2002. The Office Action stated that two distinct species had been identified. Election of species was requested. Applicant elects species I without traverse. Species I corresponds to claims 1-17, which are drawn to a biliary catheter.

Examination of the above-identified claims is respectfully requested. If a phone conference is believed necessary to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the above discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul M. Scpton

By his attorney,

Dated: _____

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